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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action (made FINAL) mailed July 2, 2003, please amend the above application as indicated below. Applicants submit there are good and sufficient reasons, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116(b), for entering these amendments. In particular, in view of the following remarks, it is believed these amendments will put the above application in condition for allowance, or potentially in better condition for appeal. However, if the Examiner still considers the above application not to be in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that he call Applicants' attorney, Eric W. Gutttag, immediately at 513-229-0383, Ext. 102.

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